

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor: Jackie McKinney

Councilors: Linda Garcia
Allan Landavazo
Yogash Kumar
Fran Palochak

Also present: Maryann Ustick, City Manager
George Kozeliski, City Attorney

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 11, 2015 and the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2015.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Landavazo, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Proposal Concerning the Usage of Red Rock Park – Ralph Richards, Gallup Lions Club

Mr. Richards said there was a shortage of funds to complete the construction of Red Rock (State) Park when it was originally built in the 1970s. During this time, the Gallup Lions Club was successful in obtaining a grant for the purpose of constructing its own arena. Rather than using the grant for its own use, the Lions Club gave the money to the City to complete the construction of Red Rock Park. As a result, Mr. Richards asked the Mayor and Councilors for their assistance in helping to defray some of the overhead costs in conducting the Lions Club Rodeos.

Mr. Kozeliski said he conducted research on the matter which involved a Joint Powers Agreement between the City and the Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association, which was previously a State agency. Although the agreement makes reference to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Land, Water and Conservation Grant for the construction of the arena, the agreement does not specify that the grant came from the Lion Club. The agreement, which has since expired, gave first priority for the use of the Park to the Ceremonial Association and second priority to the Lions Club Rodeo.

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Bill Lewis, Gallup Lions Club, said the Lions Club always had to pay for the use of the Red Rock Park. He confirmed that the Lions Club obtained a \$120,000 grant to build the rodeo grounds for the Lions Club. When the City needed additional funds, the Lions Club was asked to contribute the grant to complete the construction of the Park. In addition to the grant, the Lions Club constructed the stalls and holding pens behind the arena.

Dave Lewis, Gallup Lions Club, provided information on the use of the funds raised by the Lions Club for dialysis machines for the hospital, scoreboards for local athletic facilities, nursing scholarships, eyeglass screening program, Christmas food baskets, backpack program for children and other community projects.

Discussion followed concerning the Lions Club's costs for the use of Red Rock Park for the rodeo and the City's annual allocation of lodgers tax funds to the Lions Club for the promotion of the event.

Mr. Kozeliski recommended that the Mayor and Councilors authorize Ms. Ustick and him to meet with representatives of the Lions Club to work on an agreement for the use of Red Rock Park. Mayor McKinney recommended forming a long-term agreement with the Lions Club for the use of the Park.

Following discussion, Councilor Palochak made the motion to authorize Ms. Ustick and Mr. Kozeliski to work on an agreement with the Gallup Lions Club for the use of Red Rock Park. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Landavazo, Kumar, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

2. Request for Street Closures and the Closure of the City Parking Lot Between the Chamber of Commerce and the Multi-Cultural Center for the Gallup Lions Club Rodeo Parade and Barbeque to be Held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 – John Sakazitz, Gallup Lions Club

Mr. Sakasitz presented the request and an overview of the annual event.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the request for street closures and the closure of the City parking lot between the Chamber of Commerce and the Multi-Cultural Center for the Gallup Lions Club Rodeo Parade and Barbeque. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Kumar, Garcia, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

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3. Request for Street Closures and Use of the Richardson's Courthouse Plaza for "The Great Race" Car Event to be Held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 – David Hinkle, Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Hinkle presented the request and a synopsis of the event. He also answered questions posed by the Mayor and Councilors regarding the event.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the request for street closures and the use of the Richardson's Courthouse Plaza for "The Great Race" Car Event to be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Palochak, Landavazo, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

4. Budget Adjustment for Harold Runnels Building Rehabilitation Project – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director

Mr. Henderson reminded the Mayor and Councilors about the problems with the roof of the Harold Runnels Building as previously discussed at the April 28, 2015 Regular Meeting. He recommended utilizing the NM Cooperative Educational Services contract with Progressive Roofing of Albuquerque to repair the roof. Mr. Henderson recommended a project budget of \$71,000 which includes the \$56,848 quote from Progressive Roofing to repair the roof, \$4,725.49 for gross receipts tax and a 15% project contingency for any unforeseen issues. He recommended approval of the project budget and the quote from Progressive Roofing.

Discussion followed concerning the square-footage of the roof to be repaired, the age of the roof, the materials to be replaced during the project, the recommended funding source for the project and the project commencement and completion time frames.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for the Harold Runnels Building Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Palochak, Landavazo, Kumar, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

5. Contract Award for a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Master Plan and an Arts and Cultural District Master Plan – Clyde (C.B.) Strain, Planning Director

Mr. Strain said the City has been awarded a \$50,000 no match grant from the New Mexico Finance Authority for the purpose of developing a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) Master Plan for the section in the downtown area designated as a MRA. Since the City of Gallup is the first city in New Mexico to be simultaneously given a Main Street and an Arts and Cultural District (ACD) Designation, the City included the

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development of an ACD Master Plan to the scope of work of the project. To cover the costs of the ACD Master Plan, the Business Improvement District (BID) has agreed to contribute \$25,000 to the project budget. Both the MRA and the ACD Master Plans will be standalone plans. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were solicited for the master plans and based on the evaluation of the proposals submitted, Mr. Strain recommended award of the contract to Community By Design.

Louie Bonaguidi, President of the BID, encouraged the Mayor and Councilors to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the downtown area due to the blight conditions that exist. He said the alleys are in poor condition, sewer lines are collapsing and drainage problems exist in the downtown area.

Ms. Ustick said the alley improvements were included in the City's 5-Year Community Improvement Plan (CIP). She said the MRA Master Plan will result in the prioritization of projects for the downtown area which may change the alley improvements listed in the CIP.

Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to award the contract for the Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Master Plan and the Arts and Cultural District Master Plan to Community By Design. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Garcia, Kumar, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

7. Appointments of Mayor Jackie McKinney and Councilor Fran Palochak to the Jail Authority Board and the Re-appointment of Chief Robert Cron to the Jail Authority Board as an Ex-Officio Member – Mayor Jackie McKinney

Mayor McKinney asked the Councilors for their approval of his recommendations for the City's representatives on the Jail Authority Board.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the appointments of Mayor Jackie McKinney and Councilor Fran Palochak to the Jail Authority Board and the re-appointment of Chief Robert Cron to the Jail Authority Board as an ex-officio member. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Landavazo, and Garcia voted aye. Councilor Palochak and Mayor McKinney abstained. Motion carried.

8. Public Notice Given Pursuant to Section 10-16-7 of the Governmental Conduct Act that a Public Officer or Employee has a Substantial Interest in an Entity, Namely the Gallup Sun Publishing, LLC, with Whom the City of Gallup is Going to Contract with from Time to Time for Services – Councilor Yogash Kumar

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Councilor Kumar disclosed through the aforementioned public notice that he has a substantial ownership interest in Gallup Sun Publishing, LLC, with whom the City of Gallup is going to contract with from time to time for services.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

Councilor Palochak thanked the Veterans Committee for their work in conducting the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade.

Councilor Landavazo commended Scott Henderson, the son of Stan Henderson, Public Works Director, for his work in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Councilor Landavazo encouraged everyone to believe in the youth of the community and to support Gallup.

Councilor Kumar said the Run for the Wall event was a good event as well as the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade.

Councilor Garcia asked for an update on the home that was condemned on Hill Street. Mr. Strain said the home is being tested for asbestos as the City is planning to move forward with the demolition of the structure. Councilor Garcia said the Community Cleanup Campaign will take place this coming weekend in the Chihuahueta area. The District 1 Northside Neighborhood Association will provide lunch for City crews at noon this coming Saturday at the Fitness Center. Councilor Garcia said May 15, 2015 was designated as a day to honor our fallen police officers. She asked everyone to remember Officer Gregg Benner of the Rio Rancho Police Department who was killed in the line of duty yesterday. On Friday, May 29, 2015, the Gallup Police Department will conduct a Law Enforcement Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Plaza. The following officers of the Gallup Police Department who were killed in the line of duty will be memorialized: Officer Louis Silva, Officer Richard Madrid, Chief of Detectives John B. Arvizo, Sergeant Barney Montoya, Officer Ronald T. Baca and Corporal Larry Brian Mitchell. She also thanked all Veterans for their service and sacrifice to our country.

Mayor McKinney said the month of May is an emotional month with children graduating from high school and remembering the sacrifices made by our Veterans and their families. During yesterday's Memorial Day Ceremony, Mayor McKinney said he talked about our nation's soldiers coming home disabled and requiring permanent care. He said a new Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. to honor our disabled Veterans returning home. Mayor McKinney also commented on the Run for the Wall event which was very successful in honoring our Veterans.

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Comments by City Attorney and City Manager

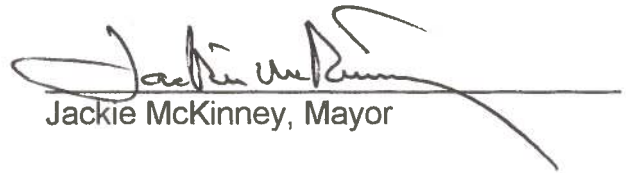
None.

There being no further business, Councilor Kumar made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Landavazo, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.



ATTEST:

Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk


Jackie McKinney, Mayor

Approved 6/9/2015